

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Examiner is also thanked for the indication that claims 4, 8-15, 17-33, and 34-49 contain allowable subject matter. The Office Action dated April 27, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Figs. 1, 2, and 4 have been corrected. The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. Claims 1, 10, 11, 23, 33, 34, 40, 41, and 45 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 5-49 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office objects to Figs. 1-2 because of minor informality. Applicants have corrected Figs. 1-2 accordingly. The Office also objects to Fig. 4 for a typographic error. Specifically, reference number “200” at the bottom (right) of Fig. 4 should be reference number “201.” Applicants have corrected Fig. 4 accordingly. The Office also objects to the drawings for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claim 11. Applicants have amended claim 11 to clarify the subject matter contained therein. Applicants respectfully assert that the drawings, for example, Figs. 3, 5, 6A, 6B, and 6C, continue to show every feature of claim 11. Please note, element “bottom” is shown, for example, in Fig. 3 as floor 310. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

The Office objects to the specification for minor informalities. Applicants have amended the specification, either herein or by the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 23, 2005. For example, Applicants provided the Office with, and requested insertion of, a brief description of Fig. 6c in the Preliminary Amendment. Because Applicants have corrected the minor

informalities identified by the Office, Applicants, respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

The Office objects to claims 11, 23, 40, and 45 for minor informalities. Applicants have amended these claims, either herein or by the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 23, 2005. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

Applicants respectfully request the Office to acknowledge entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed March 23, 2005.

The Office rejects claim 41 for failing to comply with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 41. Specifically, amended claim 41 recites “the plurality of hooks extended from the circumferential surface of the second side wall.” Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph rejection of claim 41.

The Office rejects claims 1-49 as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants deleted the element “coupled with an electric home appliance” from independent claims 1, 33, and 41. Claims 1-49 now more clearly define the subject matter of the invention—the leg assembly. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 1-49.

The Office also rejects claims 10, 11, 33, 34, and 41 for insufficient antecedent basis. Applicants have amended these claims accordingly. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections claims 10, 11, 33, 34, and 41 for insufficient antecedent basis.

The Office rejects claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. RE 14,964 to Anderson (hereafter “Anderson”). The Office has indicated that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Office Action at page 8. Claim 4 depends from claim 1. Applicants have canceled claim 4 and incorporated the allowable subject matter of

claim 4 into claim 1. As discussed above, Applicants have also amended claim 1 to correct the informalities and to overcome 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection. Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over Anderson for at least the reasons that amended claim 1 contains the allowable subject matter of claim 4. Claims 2-3, 5-7, and 16, which variously depend from claim 1, are also allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16.

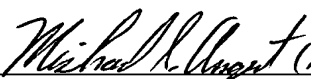
Applicants respectfully state that all objections and rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-49 have been overcome. Claims 1-3 and 5-49 recite allowable subject matter. The application is in condition for allowance, and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

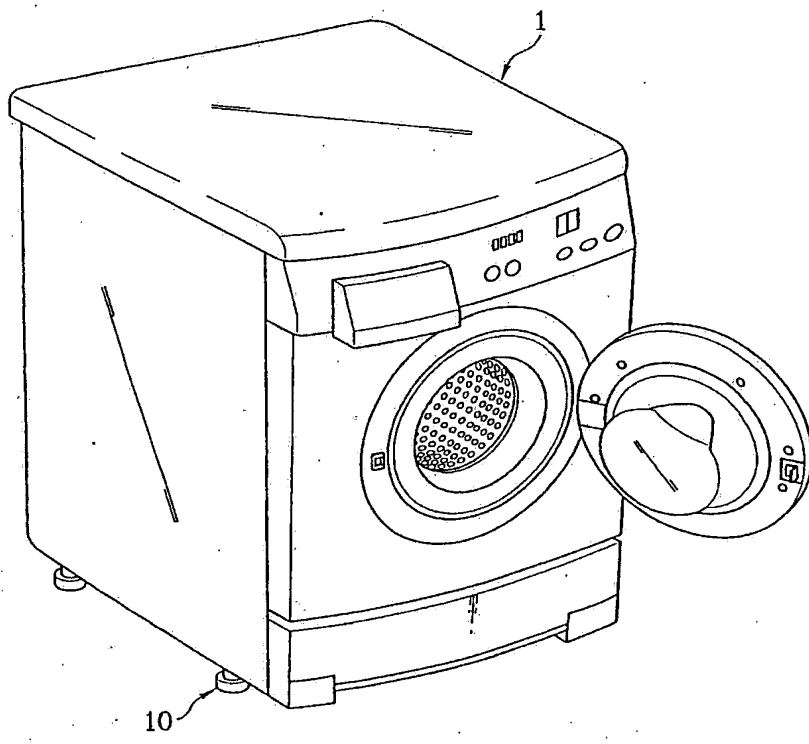
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FIG. 1





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FIG. 2

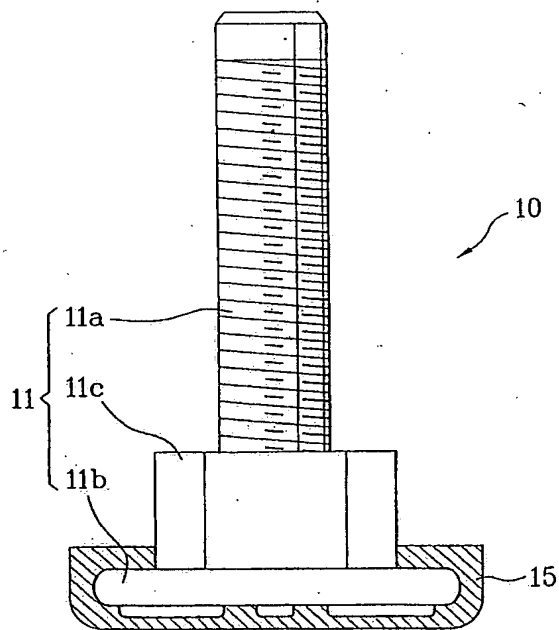


FIG. 4

